As both its critics and champions agree, Catholicism has been a decisive force in world history for two millennia. This course examines the past twenty centuries of Catholic belief and practice with a special focus on sex and chastity. This course will consist of lectures on Tuesdays and student discussions and presentations on Thursdays. Students will read approximately 150 pages per week and produce a final research paper of approximately 20 pages that examines one transitional moment in Catholic history.